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1. IN US VIEW, MOST DIRECT AND SIMPLEST WAY TO CONTINUE
S&T AGREEMENT IS TO SIGN FULL NEW AGREEMENT WHICH
CONSTITUTES EXTENSION OF EXISTING ONE. THIS IS COMMON
PRACTICE AND WOULD SIMPLY BE A CONTINUATION OF COOPERATION
IN PREVIOUSLY AGREED AREA OF ACTIVITY. IN WHOLE PROCESS,
US SIDE HAS FOLLOWED SOVIET LEAD IN CONSIDERING THEIR
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LANGUAGE WHICH CONSISTED MAINLY OF TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS
TO CURRENT AGREEMENT PLUS AN ADDITIONAL IDEA CONCERNING
COORDINATION. THESE PROPOSALS WERE GIVEN FORMAL
INTERAGENCY REVIEW AND ACCEPTED IN FULL WITH EXCEPTION
THAT SLIGHTLY MODIFIED LANGUAGE ON COORDINATION WAS
OFFERED.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD REVIEW WITH SOVIET SIDE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS AND URGE THEM TO AGREE TO PROCEED ALONG PATH BOTH SIDES WERE MOVING. LAST MINUTE CHANGES IN PROCEDURE AND TEXT MEAN BACKTRACKING AND WILL INEVITABLY DELAY WHOLE PROCESS.

3. THUS, US FIRST CHOICE IS TO USE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN REFTEL C. WE BELIEVE THIS LANGUAGE PRACTICALLY IDENTICAL TO THAT SOVIETS HAD SUGGESTED EARLIER WITH EXCEPTION THAT THEIR FORMER PARAGRAPH 3 OF ARTICLE 7 CONTAINING LANGUAGE ON COORDINATION IS CHANGED AND PLACED AT END OF PARAGRAPH 5.

4. ON ARTICLE 7 OF NEW AGREEMENT, WE NOTE IN REFTEL A LATEST SOVIET SUGGESTION DELETES SENTENCE ABOUT COMPOSITION OF JOINT COMMISSION, LANGUAGE WHICH IS IN CURRENT AGREEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH 3 AND WHICH WAS MOVED UP TO PARAGRAPH 1 AS TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENT. IF SOVIET'S INSIST, WE BELIEVE THIS CAN BE DROPPED WITH NO GREAT LOSS.

5. NEXT SOVIET CHANGE PROPOSED REFTEL A PARAGRAPH 1, TO USE EXISTING LANGUAGE ON FREQUENCY OF JC MEETINGS INSTEAD OF NEW LANGUAGE "AS A RULE" IS LESS ACCEPTABLE. WE BELIEVE IT IS BETTER TO BE MORE REALISTIC ABOUT FREQUENCY, ACKNOWLEDGING FACT THAT SOMETIMES THINGS JUST WORK OUT DIFFERENTLY THAN PLANNED, AS HAS JUST HAPPENED WITH FIFTH JC. SOVIETS SHOULD BE ASSURED, HOWEVER, THAT US ATTACHES HIGH PRIORITY TO JC MEETING ANNUALLY AND WILL DO ITS BEST TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.
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6. ON PARAGRAPH 3 OF EXISTING TEXT OF ARTICLE 7, WE NOTE ONLY SOVIET CHANGE CONTAINED REFTEL A IS TO USE FULL TITLE OF OSTP WHILE REST OF PARAGRAPH REMAINS SAME. THIS RESULT OF COURSE IS INCONSISTENT WITH OTHER SOVIET SUGGESTED TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS AND WE HOPE THEY WILL AGREE WITH THE IMPROVED VERSION WHICH THEY EARLIER PROPOSED.

7. WE UNDERSTAND SOVIETS HAVE NOW ACCEPTED FINAL SENTENCE OF ARTICLE 7, PARAGRAPH 5 CONTAINED REFTEL C, US DEFINITELY PREFERS ITS RETENTION SINCE IT WAS DESIGNED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO SOVIET IDEA AND WE SEE ADVANTAGE OUTLINED PARAGRAPH 4 OF REFTEL D.

8. ON LANGUAGE FOR PREAMBLE, TEXT IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL A APPEARS TO BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR MEMORANDUM THAN FOR FULL AGREEMENT. US DEFINITELY PREFERS RETAIN LANGUAGE IN REFTEL C.

9. RE CHANGE IN ARTICLE 8 PARAGRAPH 1 PROPOSED REFTEL E,
US SIDE AGREES.

10. RE REFTEL E, WE UNDERSTAND FROM TELECON TO GANLEY
SOVIETS WISH SIGN MAY 12. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY
SOVIETS WISH THIS EARLY DATE AS IT HAS BEARING ON TYPE

OF CEREMONY THAT CAN BE ARRANGED.

11. SCIENCE ADVISER TO PRESIDENT, DR. FRANK PRESS, HAS
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